

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

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**II. Status of the Specification**

The specification has been amended to remove any reference to FIG. 8. No new matter has been added.

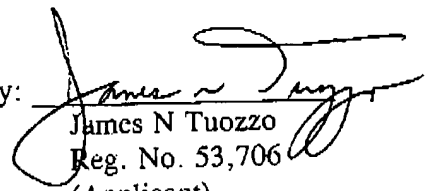
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, entry of the above second Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested prior to the examination of this application. If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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